

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WELFARE SCHEME FOR UNORGANISED LABOUR

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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Union Government for the welfare and improving the condition of unorganized labour in the country during each of the last three years and thereafter;
- (b) the funds allocated and provided to the State Governments during the said period alongwith utilization of funds, State-wise and Scheme-wise; and
- (c) the number of unorganized labour benefited therefrom, during the said period, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): With a view to providing social security to the unorganised sector workers, the Government has constituted Welfare Funds for Beedi, Cine and certain Non-Coal Mine workers. Under these Welfare Funds, Welfare Schemes providing for health care, housing, education to the children etc. are being implemented. The schemes are being implemented through regional offices of Directorate General of Labour Welfare. A Statement containing allocation of funds, expenditure and number of beneficiaries during the last three years is annexed. The beneficiaries under Labour Welfare Funds are getting direct benefits from these welfare scheme and funds are not released to the State Governments.

For providing coverage beyond the existing beneficiaries amongst the unorganised sector workers, the Government has introduced the Unorganised Sector Workers Social Security Bill, 2007 in the Rajya Sabha on 10.09.2007 to provide social security to such workers.